

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 7, 2007 has been reviewed and the comments therein were carefully considered by the Applicant. Claims 1-30 are currently pending.

Claim Rejection Under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okita et al. US 6,225,998 B1 (hereinafter Okita) in view of Clauss et al. US 2002/0083377 A1 (hereinafter Clauss).

Claim 1 includes the feature of “in response to a user selecting the icon, displaying at least one proposed solution to a configuration error.” As mentioned in the previous response, Figure 5C, shown below, illustrates an icon that has been selected and proposed solutions to the configuration error.

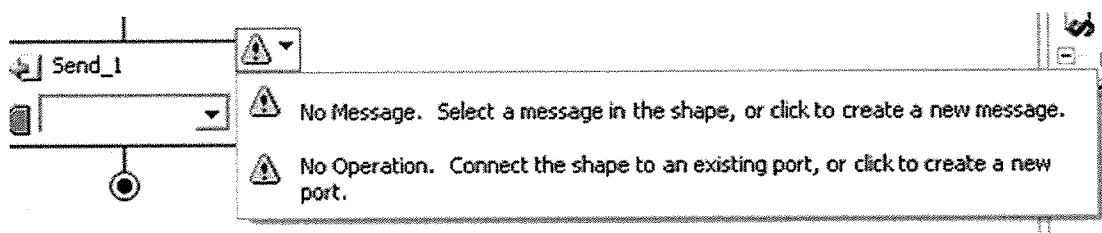
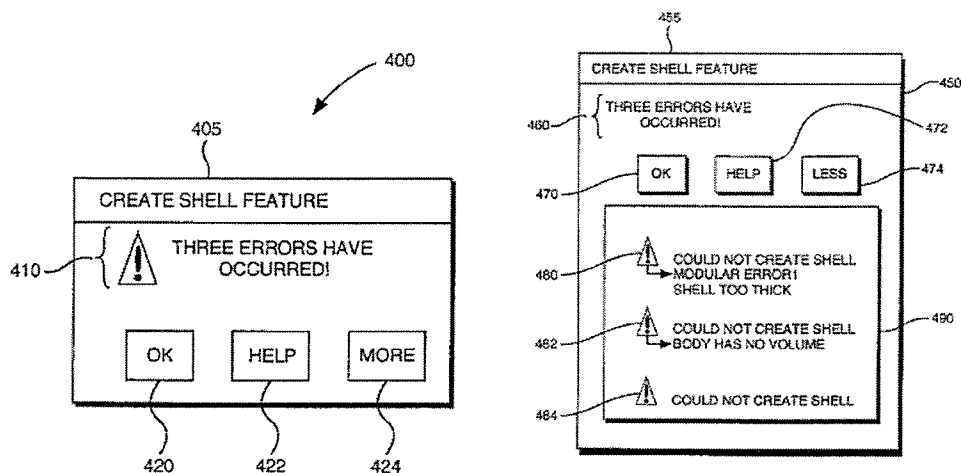


Figure 5C shows the proposed solutions of “Select a message in the shape, or click a new message” and “Connect the shape to an existing port, or click to create a new port.” Each one of these solutions may result in removing the configuration errors. One skilled in the art would appreciate, after reading the present application, that a proposed solution identifies actions that may be taken to remove a configuration error. See, for example, paragraphs 27 and 29.

On page 3 the Office Action admits that Okita et al. does not disclose “in response to a user selecting the icon, displaying at least one proposed solution to a configuration error.” The Office Action then suggests that this feature is found in Clauss et al. in FIGs 4A, 4B and related text. Figures 4A and 4B are reproduced below:



These figures merely disclose identifying errors. There is simply no discussion in these figures or any other section of Clauss et al. of “displaying at least one proposed solution to a configuration error,” as claimed. Clauss et al. discloses identify errors and does not disclose indicating any action that can be taken to remove a configuration error. As a result, no conceivable combination of Okita et al. and Clauss et al. could disclose the claimed feature of “displaying at least one proposed solution to a configuration error.”

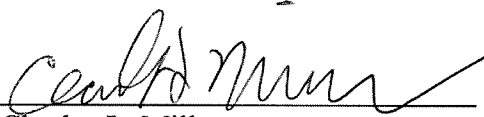
For at least this reason, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is not anticipated by Okita and is in condition for allowance. The remaining independent claims, 18, 24, 29 and 30, also include features similar to “in response to a user selecting the icon, displaying at least one proposed solution to a configuration error” and are allowable for similar reasons. The dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as the claims from which they depend.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should it be deemed necessary to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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